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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

Subj: MINUTES OF THE RESEARCH BOARD MEETING

Ref: (a) Code 09 Memo, dated 27 Mar 98, subj: NPS/DOD SMALL BUSINESS INNOVATION RESEARCH (SBIR) PROGRAM SOLICITATION 99.1 REQUEST FOR CANDIDATE TOPICS

1. The Research Board Meeting commenced at 1504, 2 Apr 98, Ro-200B. Following is a list of attendees:

Dean Netzer	Code 09	Absent:	
Danielle Kuska	Code 91		
Prof Biblarz	AA	Prof Knorr	EC
Prof Rowe	CS	CS Prof Borges	
Prof Shin	ME	Prof Thornton	OC
Prof Davidson	MR		
Prof Brown	OR		
Prof Cleary	PH		
Prof Eagle	GP		
Prof Eitelberg	SM		
Prof Ciavarelli	Faculty Council Rep		

- 2. Dean Netzer distributed copies of Reference (a) opening the floor for discussion on the topic. He mentioned that Bob Bluth, the Director of CIRPAS, had arranged for NPS' participation as a SBIR site. Faculty interested in the SBIR program are encouraged to prepare a "Program Topic Submission" on an ongoing/current research requirement which could benefit from the SBIR program, keeping in mind that the equipment/ technology produced must be dual-use (military and commercial). The one-page submission is due in the Research Office on 1 May 98. Final selection of the proposed topics will be made by ONR, and once approved, the topics will be announced. NPS can award up to three topics. Equipment resulting from the NPS SBIRS becomes the property of NPS.
- 3. Dean Netzer reviewed the requirement for an evaluation of our Internally Funded Research Program. This was a concern in the last IG. He asked the Board to act as the reviewers. Merit Projects from FY97 (a brief summary and list of deliverables) will be distributed among the RB members. Criteria for evaluation will include: technical merit, relevance, deliverables, student involvement and potential for external funding.

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- 4. Approval of Merit Proposals will be extremely limited this year.
- 5. Dean Netzer mentioned concerns discussed by the Deans/Chairs about the dwindling O&MN labor dollars and the distribution of those dollars between teaching and research. He has written a memo to the Provost and Deans addressing this topic and the distribution of those dollars between teaching and research.
- 6. Discussion was next directed to the target labor allocation for 1998 NIFR (NPS Institutionally Funded Research). NIFR replaced DFR. Faculty expecting to receive one-month of reimbursable research within their 10-month contract in FY99 can apply for 20-days of cost-sharing labor. A one-page request is due on 1 Jul 98. The Guidelines for FY99 will be distributed on Monday, 6 April.
- 7. Dean Netzer asked the Board's opinion about the status/rights of long-term research faculty. Specifically addressed was the eligibility to compete for NIFR Funds. Most board members were in agreement that these faculty should be eligible. The question was raised as to determining who these faculty are. Briefly, these are non-tenure track research faculty who have been at the School for a number of years with an established and productive research program in support of the School's mission.
- 8. Dean Netzer mentioned that Prof Ball has expressed interest in an NPS electronic press. There was a bit of discussion on the subject and the question of how quality would be maintained was raised.
- 9. RADM Chaplin's visit to the Research Office on 1 Apr was mentioned. He is very computer oriented and into the information age (IT-21). He wants more NPS involvement in <u>Fleet</u> issues. The Superintendent will be meeting with his principal staff twice a week.
- 10. Dean Netzer shared information from N7 that NPS must improve the uniqueness of its educational program. How can NPS' curricula be more unique to DoD, to warfighting, etc?
- 11. Meeting adjourned at 1400.

Respectfully submitted,

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